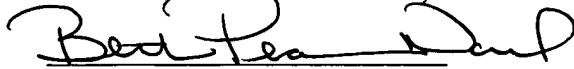


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APPLICANT: Suter et al.	§	Group Art Unit: 2857
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SERIAL NO.: 09/697,788	§	
	§	Examiner: Gutierrez, A
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	§	Atty. Docket: CON-1029US

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on January 13, 2005, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on April 13, 2005. An advisory action dated June 20, 2005 reset the date for response to the office action to June 20, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension until July 13, 2005, to respond to the Office Action.

A check in the amount of \$120 for the one month extension is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees for the amendments to **Deposit Account 13-0010 (CON-1029).**

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